

Amend claim 1 as follows:

1 1. (Twice Amended) A fault tolerant liquid crystal display comprising:
 2 a polarizer for coupling to a beam of incident light to polarize the beam of light
 3 with respect to a polarization angle;
 4 a plurality of liquid crystal display regions operably coupled to the polarizer;
 5 a plurality of pixels arrayed on each of the liquid crystal display regions, each
 6 pixel having a collinear one-to-one correspondence with a pixel on an adjacent liquid crystal
 7 display region;
 8 an analyzer coupled to the plurality of liquid crystal display regions and the
 9 polarizer to pass a gray-scale portion of the beam of polarized light transmitted as a function of
 10 the polarization angle; and
 11 a means to control gray-scale on at least one of the pixels on at least one of the
 12 liquid crystal display regions.

Cancel claims 2 and 3.

Amend claim 4 as follows:

1 4. (Twice Amended) The liquid crystal display of claim 1 wherein the gray-scale control means
 2 includes an electronically programmable driver and interface circuitry formed on at least one of
 3 the liquid crystal display regions.

Cancel claims 5-11.

Add new claims 12-17 as follows:

1 12. (New) The liquid crystal display of claim 1 wherein the means to control gray-scale
2 controls the intensity of the transmitted light through at least two collinear pixels.

1 13. (New) A fault tolerant liquid crystal comprising:
2 a primary liquid crystal display region and at least one secondary liquid crystal
3 display region;
4 a means of applying and fixing a first voltage to the pixels of the primary liquid
5 crystal display region; and
6 a means of applying a fixing a second voltage to the pixels of the at least one
7 secondary liquid crystal display region to achieve a transmitted intensity.

1 14. (New) A method of forming a fault tolerant liquid crystal display comprising the steps
2 of:
3 providing a polarizer;
4 providing a plurality of collinearly arranged liquid crystal display regions, each of
5 the liquid crystal display regions including a plurality of pixels configured in a two-dimensional
6 array in the plane of the liquid crystal display regions;
7 orienting each liquid crystal display region so that each pixel in the array has a
8 one-to-one correspondence with a pixel on an adjacent liquid crystal display region;
9 providing an analyzer operably coupled to the liquid crystal display regions and
10 the polarizer; and

11 providing a means to control gray-scale on at least one of the pixels on at least
12 one of the liquid crystal display regions.

13 15. (New) An apparatus for calibrating a fault tolerant liquid crystal display comprising:
14 a light source;
15 an intensity homogenizing and projection optics operably coupled to the light
16 source for transmitting a uniform beam of light to the liquid crystal display;
17 imaging optics for focusing the light passed by the liquid crystal display;
18 an optical detector for measuring the light focused by the imaging optics;
19 programming electronics operably coupled to the optical detector; and
20 a means for setting gray-scale values on individual pixels of the liquid crystal
21 display.

1 16. (New) A method for calibrating a fault tolerant liquid crystal display comprising the
2 steps of:
3 placing a fault tolerant liquid crystal display into an optical test-bed, wherein the
4 liquid crystal display includes a primary liquid crystal display region and least one secondary
5 liquid crystal display region, each liquid crystal display region containing an array of pixels;
6 uniformly illuminating each of the pixels on the liquid crystal display regions;
7 determining a desired light intensity through each of the pixels on the liquid
8 crystal display regions;
9 determining a desired uniformity level for the liquid crystal display;

10 applying a first voltage to the pixels of the primary liquid crystal display region
11 and applying a second voltage to the pixels of the secondary liquid crystal display region to
12 achieve a transmitted light intensity;
13 measuring the transmitted light intensity through each of the pixels on the liquid
14 crystal display regions;
15 comparing the transmitted light intensity with the desired light intensity;
16 adjusting the first voltage or the second voltage to achieve the desired light
17 intensity and the desired uniformity; and
18 fixing the adjusted first voltage and adjusted second voltage to maintain the
19 desired light intensity and the desired uniformity.

1 17. (New) A method for correcting faulty pixels in a fault tolerant liquid crystal display
2 comprising the steps of:
3 placing a fault tolerant liquid crystal display into an optical test-bed, wherein the
4 liquid crystal display includes a primary liquid crystal display region and least one secondary
5 liquid crystal display region, each liquid crystal display region containing an array of pixels;
6 uniformly illuminating each of the pixels on the liquid crystal display regions;
7 determining a desired light intensity through each of the pixels on the liquid
8 crystal display regions;
9 applying a first voltage to the pixels of the primary liquid crystal display region
10 and applying a second voltage to the pixels of the secondary liquid crystal display region to
11 achieve a transmitted light intensity;

- 12 measuring the transmitted light intensity through each of the pixels on the liquid
 - 13 crystal display regions;
 - 14 comparing the transmitted light intensity with the desired light intensity;
 - 15 adjusting the first voltage or the second voltage to achieve the desired light
 - 16 intensity; and
 - 17 fixing the adjusted first voltage and adjusted second voltage to maintain the
 - 18 desired light intensity.
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